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1. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE REPEATING THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT
AGENDA FOR THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE.
THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS "HOLY
JERUSALEM." THE BACKUP DOCUMENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT
CONTAINS ONLY THE TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS OF PREVIOUS CON-
FERENCES. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF THE ACTION TO BE
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TAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS SIXTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN

MINISTERS CONFERENCE THOUGH IT CLEARLY WILL BE A MAJOR ISSUE, AND AS FAR AS THE ARABS ARE CONCERNED, THE MOST IMPORTANT. (ISLAMIC SEC GEN TUHAMY'S VIEWS WERE CONTAINED REF B.)

2. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE DRAFT AGENDA IS "THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND THE CONFLICT WITH THE ISRAELI ENEMY." THE BACKUP DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS ITEM CONSISTS ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "DUE TO THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL OF THE CONFLICT WITH THE ISRAELI ENEMY AND THE CAUSE OF THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, THIS SUBJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS BASICALLY BY CONFRONTATION COUNTRIES."

3. PLO REPRESENTATIVES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE, BUT THE PLO WILL NOT, SO FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, BE OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED. (THE ONLY ORGANIZATIONS WE KNOW WILL BE REPRESENTED ARE ARAB LEAGUE, ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT, OAU AND MOSLEM WORLD LEAGUE). WE THINK IT CERTAIN THAT ISRAEL WILL COME UNDER VERY HARSH ATTACK (PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH JERUSALEM) AND WILL FIND NO DEFENDERS.

4. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, RECEIVED NO INDICATION IN OUR CONTACTS SO FAR THAT ANY THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN BY THE SAUDIS TO USING THE CONFERENCE TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE OUSTING OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA. ON JULY 2 WE RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR DABBAGH, AND GAVE OUR REASONS WHY AN ATTEMPT TO OUST ISRAEL WOULD BE MOST HARMFUL. HE DID NOT AGREE COMPLETELY WITH OUT ARGUMENTATION BUT SAID (WE BELIEVE HONESTLY) THAT NO SERIOUS THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE QUESTION. DABBAGH IS DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND HE DISCUSSED WITH US THE DIFFICULTIES HE WAS HAVING IN GATHERING DOCUMENTATION ON PAST RESOLUTIONS ON THE JERUSALEM QUESTION AT THE UN. (WE DID NOT BOTHER TO RELAY TO THE DEPARTMENT HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.) HE SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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AWARE IF THE SAG WAS INVOLVED IN ANY PLANNING FOR A MOVE TO OUST ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA.

5. WE NOTE THAT THE LEAD IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE ISRAEL QUESTION IS TO BE TAKEN BY THE "CONFRONTATION STATES." IF NEITHER EGYPT, SYRIA, NOR JORDAN PROPOSES A MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA, WE QUESTION WHETHER THERE WOULD BE MUCH SUPPORT FOR SUCH A MOVE ADVOCATED

ONLY BY THE PLO. WE SUSPECT THAT THIS IDEA MIGHT
FIND CONSIDERABLY MORE SUPPORT, HOWEVER, IN WHAT WILL
CERTAINLY BE THE MORE SUPERHEATED ATMOSPHERE OF THE
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT LIMA IN AUGUST.
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